

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2201 - SB 2158

April 4, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to seek a waiver to the state plan for medical assistance which will permit the state to file a lien on an applicant's residence for the value of medical assistance services after an applicant enters a nursing home.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$36,300

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Revenues – Exceeds \$63,700

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Bureau of TennCare has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- Currently, a lien cannot be placed on an individual's residence until after the individual's death or by order of a court. This bill would allow the Bureau of TennCare to place a lien on an individual's property during the course of providing medical assistance services.
- The Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 63.695%, of any funds received by the Bureau of TennCare to recover funds expended for nursing home services, will be returned to the federal government.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director